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FOR ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND ARA/ECA DIRECTOR ZIMMERMANN

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: SHUM, OAS, PA
SUBJ: IAHRC VISIT TO PARAGUAY

REF: A) ASUNCION 1807, B) LANDAU/ZIMMERMANN TELCON 5/6/77, C) LANDAU/GRAHAM TELCON 5/5/77

1. FOLLOWING LANDAU/GRAHAM TELCON MAY 5, I INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES THAT FOUR PENDING GOP LOANS FROM THE IBRD AND THE IDB WOULD BE VOTED ON PRIOR TO JULY 1AND THAT TWO OF THESE LOANS WITH AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF 32 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE VOTED ON AS EARLY AS MAY 10. NOGUES SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION EARLY MAY 6.

2. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 6, PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY PAPPALARDO CALLED ME AND SAID THAT NOGUES HAD RAISED ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT WHO IS IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT IAHRC BE PERMITTED TO VISIT PARAGUAY. ACCORDING TO PAPPALARDO, PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE PERMITTED VISIT IMMEDIATELY WHEN REQUEST WAS RECEIVED
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BUT FOR THE FACT THAT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND URUGUAY, WOULD HAVE BEEN DISPLEASED AND PRESIDENT DID NOT WANT TO ADD TO THE ALREADY EXISTING TROUBLES WITH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL OVER THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAMS.

3. PAPPALARDO SAIID THAT HE COULD INFORM ME OFFICIALLY

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THAT PERMISSION WOULD BE GIVEN TO IAHRC VISIT BUT SO
AS NOT TO APPEAR TO BOW TO PRESSURE, THIS PERMISSION
WOULD BE GIVEN AFTER THE MAY 10 MEETING ON THE LOANS.
PAPPALARDO, TO IMPRESS THE PRESIDENT WITH THE
URGENCY OF MAKING A QUICK DECISION, TOLD HIM HE NEEDED
TO INFORM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY BECAUSE HE HAD
TALKED TO MR. ZIMMERMANN EARLIER. PAPPALARDO EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE FOR QUIET U.S. GUIDANCE ON HOW TO
HANDLE ISSUE WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE
THE PRESIDENT THAT COOPERATION WITH IAHRC WAS
IMPERATIVE IF BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE TO REMAIN UNDAMAGED.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES CALLED ME LATER ON AND
GAVE ME THE SAME OFFICIAL ASSURANCE THAT VISIT WOULD
BE PERMITTED.

5. IN A SECOND CALL, PAPPALARDO ASKED FOR U.S.
ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING THAT A "BALANCED" IAHRC
MISSION, WITHOUT ANY PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS AGAINST THE
GOP,WOULD VISIT PARAGUAY. I TOLD HIM THAT WHILE
USG, OF COURSE, FAVORED ABSOLUTE FAIRNESS BY ANY
INVESTIGATIING GROUP,THIS WAS REALLY A MATTER TO
BE DISCUSSED DIRECTLY BY THE GOP AND THE OAS
SECRETARIAT. PAPPALARDO SAID THAT HE MIGHT TRAVEL TO
WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH
SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA BUT MUST FIRST OBTAIN PRESIDENT
STROESSNER'S AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO.
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